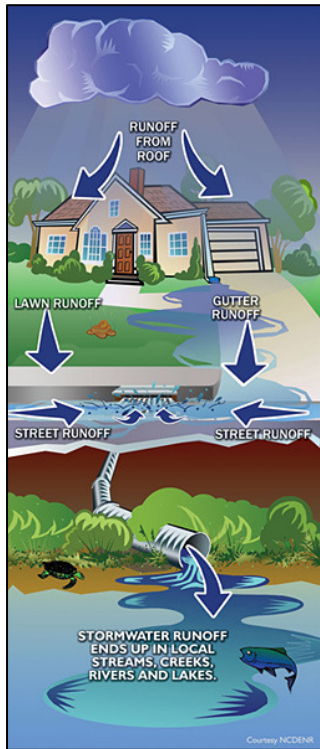


Calling All Volunteers!



The Rockdale County Stormwater Utility needs your help to attach a decal to all of the storm drains within the County with the message “No Dumping, Drains to Stream”!



What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff is the portion of rainwater that is unable to soak into the ground. Removal of vegetation and construction of buildings, pavement, sidewalks and other impervious surfaces increases stormwater runoff.

Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

Stormwater runoff can pick up trash, litter, grass clippings and yard debris, pesticides, fertilizer, chemicals, soap, sediment, motor oil, antifreeze, grease, pet wastes and other pollutants as it runs off of roof tops, streets, lawns and other developed land. This polluted water eventually flows into nearby storm drain systems and is released into local water bodies (streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, reservoirs, wetlands and underground water supplies). Anything that enters a storm drain or storm sewer system is released **untreated** into water bodies used for swimming, fishing and drinking.

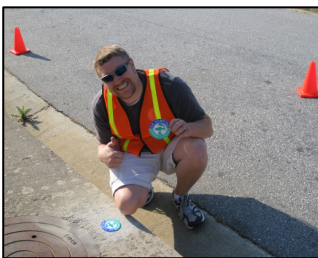
What are storm drain markers or stencils?

The stencil/marker is a 4” diameter plastic decal with the message “No Dumping, Drains to Stream”. Storm drain markers/stencils are attached with glue to local storm drain inlets or structures to remind the general public not to pour or dump anything into storm drains.

You can be a solution to stormwater pollution!

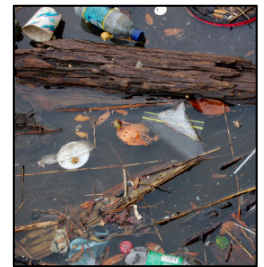
Participating in the storm drain stenciling program can have a huge impact on eliminating stormwater pollution and improving water quality. Attaching stencils to storm drains

helps to remind and educate citizens that water quality and aquatic life are directly affected by any pollutants entering storm drains. Stormwater runoff can have a serious impact on water quality. The County needs the support of businesses, industries, and all citizens to make efforts to improve water quality and reduce pollution. Proper use, disposal, and recycling of products we use every day will help to stop pollution before it reaches our streams, rivers, and lakes.



Storm drain stenciling is easy!

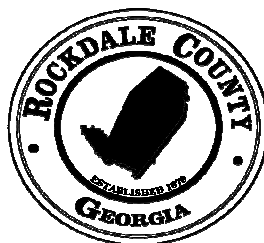
The storm drain stenciling program is organized by the Rockdale County Stormwater Utility. Stenciling kits are supplied to all volunteers and include all the necessary supplies to attach the markers/stencils to the storm drains. The kit includes instructions, tubes of glue, storm drain stencils, safety supplies, gloves, brushes, participant sign-in sheets, and location maps of the storm drains that will need to be marked. In addition, we ask volunteers to distribute an informational door hanger to all residents within the stenciling area, which discusses the stenciling program and non-point source pollution.



Marking storm drains brings people together!

The storm drain stenciling program is great for all volunteers, even children. Some volunteer groups that may want to participate in the program can include, youth groups, schools, service clubs, businesses, neighborhood associations, Boy and Girl Scout troops, church groups and anyone else!

The Stormwater Utility appreciates your help and continued support protecting our State Waters. Valid stenciling participation will qualify participants for a 5% Watershed Stewardship Stormwater Utility bill credit per the Stormwater Utility Credit Manual.



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